

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE  
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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, MY  
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES EN ROUTE TO AUSTRALIA

REF: JAKARTA 15270

1. UNHCR AND REFUGEE CAMP OFFICIALS REPORT 258 REFUGEES ON  
7 BOATS DEPARTED PULAU TENGAH (MERSING) MALAYSIA O/A 2 NOVEMBER.  
DESTINATION: AUSTRALIA.

2. REFUGEES LEFT ON OWN VOLITION FROM OVERCROWDED CAMP REPORTEDLY  
HAVING DESPAIRED OF PROMPT RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. OR THIRD  
COUNTRIES.

3. ETA NORTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA UNPREDICTABLE BUT AMEMBASSY  
JAKARTA REPORTS (REFTEL) ARRIVAL OF 73 REFUGEES AT JAKARTA  
O/A 11 NOV 77. REFUGEES STATED INTENTION OF CONTINUING ON  
TO AUSTRALIA. TIME/DISTANCE CALCULATIONS INDICATE THAT TWO  
BOATS WHICH ARRIVED IN JAKARTA MAY HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE  
WHICH DEPARTED MALAYSIA.

4. NAME AND BOAT NUMBER LISTS PROCURED FROM VIETNAMESE  
REFUGEES ON PULAU TENGAH WILL BE GIVEN LOCAL AUSTRALIAN  
HIGH COMMISSION ASAP.  
REGRET EARLIER NOTIFICATION NOT POSSIBLE IN THAT EMBASSY ONLY  
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JUST VERIFIED REPORTED DEPARTURE.  
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